

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 858 - SB 1165

March 4, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the presiding judge to conduct a determination of indigency hearing prior to suspending the court costs and litigations tax owed by a defendant.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, a presiding judge can suspend the court costs and the litigation tax for any indigent criminal defendant. It is estimated that conducting an indigency hearing prior to suspending court costs and litigation tax will not significantly impact total collections.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, any increase in determination of indigency hearings and the additional workload of the courts will not be significant.
- Any increased expenditures will not be significant and can be absorbed within existing state and local judicial resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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